



**LOUISBURG PARK AND TREE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 10, 2022**

The Park & Tree Board of Louisburg, Kansas met at **6:45p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers with Chairperson Bob Bazin presiding.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Andy Gibbons, Wayne Knop, and Ryan Westhoff

City Council: Steve Town

City Administrator: Nathan Law

City Staff: Jean Carder

Louisburg Rec Commission: Diana Moore and Tyler Olson

Recording Secretary: Rusty Whitham

Visitors: Mathew Sword (Attended Via Zoom), Andrew Aye, and Luke York

Item 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Andy Gibbons to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Wayne Knop. Motion passed 4-0.

Item 3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Wayne Knop to approve the November 8, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ryan Westhoff. Motion passed 4-0.

Item 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

Item 5: Discussion with Mathew Sword and Andrew Aye concerning Eagle Scout projects in L/Y Park.

Mathew Sword (Via Zoom) explained that he wishes to measure and paint distance markers on the paved walking/jogging trail in L/Y Park. Sword mentioned that the trail is approximately 1.5 miles, and he plans to paint distance markers at ¼ mile increments. He intends to have two starting points. One starting point will be near the parking lot located at the S/W side of the trail. The other starting point will be near the concession stand. Sword stated that the cost for the paint will be approximately \$300-\$500. Sword ended by saying that the city will not incur any costs for labor or materials associated with this project.

Bob Bazin asked if parking lot paint will be used. Sword said yes.

Bazin then asked Sword if he is member of Troop 101 from Louisburg. Sword said yes.

Wayne Knop asked if this project will be just at L/Y Park or will other parks be considered. Sword said only L/Y Park.

Andy Gibbons asked if there are any other expenses beside paint. Sword said he will need paint rollers and stencils. These items will cost some money.

After additional discussion Ryan Westhoff made a motion to approve Mathew Sword's proposed Eagle project. Andy Gibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Andrew Aye then addressed the Board and explained that he came to tonight's meeting intending to present the exact same project that Sword was just approved for. Now that painting distance markers on the walking/jogging trail in L/Y Park is taken, Andrew Aye asked the Park Board for suggestions for his Eagle project.

Bob Bazin asked if the project needs to be in L/Y Park. Andrew Aye said not necessarily.

Wayne Knop mentioned that he has been working on the American Legion memorial in the Louisburg Cemetery and noticed several leaning/tilting gravestones. He also noted several graves that need dirt and others need leveling. He also said there are some graves that need grass seed. Knop asked if this type of work would qualify as an Eagle project. Knop stated cemetery maintenance would greatly benefit the community.

Administrator Law mentioned that the city is considering creating a catalog system for cemetery. Law envisions that any catalog system should be searchable by name and include pictures of individual monuments.

Wayne Knop asked Andrew Aye what Boy Scout Troop member he is associated with. Aye said that he is member of Troop 289 from Spring Hill.

Andy Gibbons asked Aye when do you want to start your Eagle project. Aye answered it depends on the type of project, but he would like to start next spring.

Bob Bazin asked if the Heart of America Boy Scout Council need to approve your Eagle project. Andrew Aye said yes.

Ryan Westhoff mentioned that the distance markers along the trail around City Lake are faded and will need to be repainted at some point. This project may be an option. Westhoff also suggested that the trees in Ron Weers Park still need identification plaques. This project has been mentioned several times during Park and Tree meetings. Staff mentioned that the plaques are on order.

Andy Gibbons suggested nature trail maintenance at L/Y Park may be a good Eagle project.

After additional discussion no specific Eagle scout project was determined for Andrew Aye.

Luke York from Troop 101 then approached the podium and introduced himself. York said that he will be talking to the Park and Tree Board in the near future concerning his upcoming Eagle scout project. He mentioned that he is considering installing a new flagpole and building a few picnic tables at the campsite in L/Y Park. The Park Board was receptive to York's plans, and they are looking forward to talking to him again in the future.

Item 6: Discussion concerning the upcoming filter replacement at the Aquatics Center.

Administrator Law explained that the city is currently soliciting bids to replace the filters at the pool. Law mentioned that he looked into converting the pool to saltwater system. During his research it was determined that changing the pool to a saltwater system wouldn't be cost effective. There would be no savings throughout the life of the saltwater system.

Law said that city has received two estimates so far and we are waiting for a third. It was asked how much will it cost to replace the filters. Law stated it will cost \$130-\$150k.

Wayne Knop asked if the filters have ever been replaced before. Law said no and then explained that the expected replacement time for this type of filter is roughly 20 years.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 7: None

REPORTS:

Item 8: Individual area of responsibility updates:

- Bob Bazin (Chairperson) - – Nothing to report
- Ryan Westhoff (Aquatic Center) – Nothing to report
- Andy Gibbons (City Park) – Gibbons mentioned that the tennis court net at City Park is sagging. Staff said that a new net is on hand and will be installed next Spring.
- Wayne Knop (Ron Weers Park) – Knop mentioned that the American Legion had one of their light poles damaged at the tractor pull area in L/Y Park during a recent windstorm. The light pole is down, and the power has been disconnected. The American Legion is working with Evergy to replace the pole.
- Jack Kline (Forestry Manager) – Not Present
- Michael McClellan (Lewis-Young Park) – Not Present
- Diana Moore and/or Tyler Olson (Louisburg Rec Commission) - Nothing to report
- City Administrator – Administrator Nathan Law mentioned that an individual representing the Powell Observatory contacted him last week inquiring about relocating their facility to a new location in L/Y Park. Administrator Law explained that the Powell Observatory has had

difficulties finding a new location for their facility and it is now affecting their fundraising efforts. They are interested in moving their facilities near the flag football field area in L/Y Park. Law said that he would like to keep Powell Observatory within the City of Louisburg and L/Y Park is an ideal location. Law asked how the Park Board feels about this prospect.

Bob Bazin said they need to bring the Park Board their proposed plans for discussion.

Wayne Knop asked how much land do they want. Law said 5-7 acres.

Available utilities in L/Y Park were then discussed.

Administrator Nathan Law said that he will keep the Park and Tree Board informed of any new information as discussions continue with Powell Observatory.

Item 8: Adjournment

After a brief discussion Wayne Knop made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ryan Westhoff. The motion passed 4-0. The meeting ended at 7:18p.m.

Submitted by Rusty Whitham